

malar stripe, mixed with the throat color in two, and the ivory white tip of the upper mandible. One, a female with the mixed malar stripe, altogether lacks the red nuchal crescent. I did not discover the oddity in time to have secured the parent birds. If I had done so and one or the other had exhibited some additional characteristic of the Red-shafted Flicker, it would have been considered excellent proof of former hybridism. Such being not the case, and leaving out the small *auratus* group, the plain top of the head might almost be said to be one of the common characters of the genus; and as hard to account for in this instance as the unique specimen of the same species, with mandibles crossed, in the collection of Mr. L. S. Foster, of New York City.

Under the head of migration on pages 17 and 18 of the report, "N. Brighton" should read North Bridgton. The former is situated in northeastern Maine, while the place from which Mr. J. C. Mead reports lies in the southwestern section.

---

### THE NEW YEAR'S DAY BIRD CENSUS.

Our first attempt to begin the year with a census of the birds in many different places, has resulted fairly well. While the number of reports is not great a genuine interest in this winter study is manifest. Everybody should know that at no time of year are birds wholly absent in any part of the United States where water is obtainable. The possibility of making a pretty accurate census of the birds in winter enables us to arrive at a pretty accurate estimate of the actual value of birds as destroyers of noxious animals and weeds. This is practical work.

With this good beginning let us look forward to more activity during the winter months next time.

**Bristol, Conn.**—More than a foot of snow; 25° to 60°; calm, clear. 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Bluebird, 6; Blue Jay, 9; Song Sparrow, 1; Winter Wren, 1; Crow, 4; Goldfinch, 25; Chickadee, 4; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 4; Golden C. Kinglet, 2; W. B. Nuthatch, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Ruffed Grouse, 2; Meadow Lark, 5; Herring Gull, 7.

Tracks of a covey of six quails were found. FRANK BRUEN.

**Central Park, New York City.**—Time, nearly 3 hours. Start, 12 m. Weather, fine. Temperature, 35°-40°. Wind, very light, southwest.

Herring Gull, 850-1000, of which about 70 were in the immature brown plumage; Red-headed Duck, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 10; Starling, 11 (introduced); White-throated Sparrow, 6; Song Sparrow, 1; Cardinal, 1 pair; Brown Creeper, 2; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Robin, 2; total, 10 species. In regard to the ducks, one was positively a male Red-head, and I guess the others to be females of the same species. CHARLES H. ROGERS.

**Geneva, N. Y.**—The day was clear, bright, calm and warm, with snow enough for fair sleighing. Time, 9:30 a. m. to 2:20 p. m.

Crows, 200 to 300 in scattered flocks; Meadowlark, 1 (very rare winter resident here); Downy Woodpecker, 4; White-breasted Nuthatch, 4; Chickadee, 12; Brown Creeper, 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 2; Junco, 2; Tree Sparrow, 20.

It may be of some interest to you to know that a specimen of the Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker was seen here October 15 to 20, a very rare visitant of late. F. H. HALL.

**East Point, Ga.**—I beg to hand you below, my list for January 1st. I regret that it is so small, but while it does not contain several species known to be here, it does include all that were seen on that day.

Mourning Dove (about 50), Turkey Vulture, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Phoebe, Crow, American Goldfinch, White-throated Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Cardinal, Loggerhead Shrike, Carolina Wren, Chickadee, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Bluebird. WM. J. MILLS.

**Kirkwood, DeKalb Co., Ga.**—Lat. 33°, 30'; Alt. 1150. Day cloudy; Temp. 55°. East wind.

Turkey Vulture, Coopers Hawk, Downy Woodpecker, Flicker, Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, American Goldfinch, White-throated Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Slate-colored Junco, Song Sparrow, Towhee, Cardinal, Cedar Waxwing, Pine Warbler, Carolina Wren, Brown Creeper, Tufted

Titmouse, Carolina Chickadee, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Bluebird.

ROBERT WINDSOR SMITH.

**Cadiz, Ohio.**—Time, 10:35 a. m. to 1:15 p. m., and 3:25 to 4:15 p. m. Clear; wind barely perceptible; temp. at 7 a. m., 6°; at 12 m., 36°; at 6 p. m., 32°. About five inches of snow. Distance walked, about six miles.

Bob-white, four flocks, about 70; Mourning Dove, 11; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 7; Red-headed Woodpecker, 14; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 5; Flicker, 6; Blue Jay, 2; Goldfinch, 1; Tree Sparrow, 8; Junco, 20; Song Sparrow, 16, one singing softly; Cardinal, 12; Carolina Wren, 6, singing; White-breasted Nuthatch, 7; Tufted Titmouse, 9, one singing "Here, here, here;" Chickadee, 3; Robin, 2; Bluebird, 3, singing "trually, trually." Total, 20 species; about 206 individuals.

HARRY B. McCONNELL.

**Wooster, Ohio.**—Bob-white, Red-tailed Hawk, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Flicker, Blue Jay, Goldfinch, Tree Sparrow, Slate-colored Junco, Song Sparrow, Cardinal, Carolina Wren, White-breasted Nuthatch, Tufted Titmouse, Chickadee, Robin, Bluebird.

ALBERT I. GOOD.

**Licking Reservoir—Fairfield and Licking Counties, Ohio.**—Start made at Millersport, at 7:00 a. m.; thence east and north, returning at 3:00 p. m. Reservoir completely frozen over. 2 1-4 inches of snow on the ground. Heavy hoar frost; clearing by nine o'clock; bright sun by noon. Birds scarcely astir before 9:00 a. m.

Mallard, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker, common; Horned Lark, one flock of 30; Crow, common; Goldfinch, 3; Slate-colored Junco, rather scarce; Cardinal, common; Brown Creeper, 2; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Chickadee, very common; Bluebird, about 20; Black Duck, 2; Red-shouldered Hawk, 2; Screech Owl, 1; Downy Woodpecker, common; Northern Flicker, common; Blue Jay, very common; Rusty Blackbird, 2; Tree Sparrow, very common; Song Sparrow, abundant; Carolina Wren, 6; White-breasted Nuthatch, common; Tufted Titmouse, common; Carolina Chickadee, 6. Total 27 species.

This list falls two short of a horizon made December 2nd, over a part of the same course; but the December list includes seven species of water-birds now, for the most part, driven further south by the ice.

W. LEON DAWSON, Columbus, O.

**Delaware, O.**—Time, 8 to 11 a. m., and 12:30 to 4 p. m. Ground covered with snow, heavy frost and dense fog at start, clearing later; no wind; temperature, 6°.

Downy Woodpecker, 11; Hairy Woodpecker, 9; Red-headed

Woodpecker, 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 6; Flicker, 3; White-breasted Nuthatch, 16; Tufted Titmouse, 27; Black-capped Chickadee, 5; Bob-white, 15; Junco, 100; Tree Sparrow, 50; Song Sparrow, 18; Sparrow Hawk, 2; Hawk, not identified, 2; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Crow, 1; Mourning Dove, 16; Carolina Wren, 7; Cardinals, 7; American Goldfinches, 5; Blue Jay, 12.

Species, 21. Individuals, 315.

IDA NEWELL.

**Oberlin, Ohio.**—Time, 6:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., clear; wind southwest light. Tem. 21 degrees to 40 degrees. Snow 5 inches deep at Oberlin to 1 inch at Lake Erie. Oberlin via Chance Creek to Oak Point on Lake Erie. Distance 18 miles.

Blue Jay, 19; Downy Woodpecker, 6; Hairy Woodpecker 9; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 2; White-breasted Nuthatch, 29; Tufted Titmouse, 18; Chickadee, 18; Song Sparrow, 8; Cardinal, 3; Goldfinch, 4; Bob-white, 13; Junco, 60; Tree Sparrow, 70; Red-tailed Hawk, 2; Mourning Dove, 2; Red-shouldered Hawk, 1; Barred Owl, 2; Snowflake, 2; Carolina Wren, 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 2; Flicker, 3; Robin, 2; Broad-winged Hawk, 1; Crow, 8.

24 Species, about 285 Individuals.

LYNDS JONES.

**Place, Hinsdale, Ill.**—Woods and fields, 7-11 a. m., 4-5 p. m. Sky clear, wind southwest, temperature 32 degrees. Brown Creeper, 3; Chickadee, 10; Goldfinch, 4; Crow, 11; Blue Jay, 27; Flicker, 1; Junco, 50; Downy Woodpecker, 5; Cardinal, 1; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Tree Sparrow, 105 x; Song Sparrow, 1.

Verified by four witnesses.

ESTHER A. CRAIGMILE.

While this is not strictly a New Year Censo-Horizon, it is of too great interest to lose.

**New Year Horizon, Jan. 10, 1903.**—Weather, forenoon, clear; afternoon, cloudy and snowing. Start, 5:30 a. m. Return, 8:30 p. m. Temperature, zero. Wind, west. Distance traveled, 40 miles. Nearly all birds were recorded Sugar Creek, Lee County, Iowa, and the adjacent woods and fields. In addition to those named were two flocks of Prairie Chickens in two different corn-fields. These I was unable to flush, though their fresh tracks were abundant in the snow. Without these the number of species was 19. Number of individuals, 1526. All were seen between 7 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Bob-white, 6; Mourning Dove, 2; Hairy Woodpecker, 9; Downy Woodpecker, 25; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 11; Flicker, 4; Crow, 55; Blue Jay, 28; Purple Finch, 37; Goldfinch, 150; Tree Sparrow, 499; Slate-colored Junco, 582; Song Sparrow, 11; Cardinal, 6; Northern Shrike, 1; White-breasted Nuthatch, 16; Tufted Titmouse, 6; Chickadee, 78; American Robin, 1.

R. L. BAIRD.

Denmark, Iowa.